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East Washington St., between Barr and Lafayette

REV. A. K. ZARTMAN, Pastor

Residence, 320 E. Washington St.

SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday.....	7:30 P. M.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Abstracts from reports read at the annual congregational meeting held New Year's evening, 1910.

Financial Secretary's Report.—Receipts for the year 1909, by weekly subscriptions, \$1,271.20. Loose collections \$73.17. Miscellaneous, \$157.65. Total \$1,502.02. Number of members contributing 247. Number paying without subscriptions 100. Due on subscriptions Jan. 1, 1910, \$201.92.

W. A. HOBSON,
Secretary '04-'09.

Church Treasurer's Report.—Receipts for 1909, from Financial Secretary by weekly payments \$1,275.25. Miscellaneous offerings \$73.72. Special offerings and money received from Sunday School Treasurer and from Woman's Aid Society and church debt fund, \$1,348.15. Total \$2,697.12. Expenditures, pastor's salary, choirister, pianist, janitor, light and fuel and church debt \$2,697.12.

W. F. CLOSE,
Treasurer, '04-'09.

Sunday School Treasurer's Report.—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$43.64. Receipt 1st quarter \$73.83; 2nd quarter, \$79.32; 3rd quarter, \$50.05; 4th quarter \$80.16. Total \$327.00. Expenditures \$174.10. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$152.90.

IRVING BITNER,
Treasurer.

Report of the Woman's Aid Society.—Receipts for 1909, —. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, 184.37. Receipts from dues suppers, baking sales, penny boxes, \$443.65. For Janitor \$24.20. Total \$652.22. Expenditures, interest and principal on pledges for church debt and organ fund, \$342.07. For Janitor, \$43.00. Total, \$385.07. Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$267.15.

MRS. FRANK E. MORE,
Treasurer.

Young People's Society.—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$4.64. Offerings for the year \$8.11. Net receipts of entertainment \$12.15. Total \$24.90. Expenditures \$6.30. Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1910, \$18.60.

RAYMOND CLOSE,
Treasurer.

Woman's Missionary Society.—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$16.97. Total receipts for the year \$64.50. Expenditures \$61.20. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$3.30.

MRS. J. H. STRAUB,
Treasurer.

Grace Church Visitor.—Receipts for

the year by advertising and subscriptions \$150.00. Expenditures for printing and repairs on parsonage \$124.55. Net profit for year \$25.45.

Church Debt and Organ Fund.—Amount pledged to Jan. 1, 1910, \$4,750. Amount paid to Jan. 1, 1910, interest, \$264.48. Paid on principal of pledges, \$1,641.46. Total \$1,905.94. Expenditures paid on church debt, interest and principal, \$1,905.94. Amount of debt Jan. 10, 1910, \$2,268.90.

DEATHS.

Andrew E. Koons, son of Mrs. Louisa Koons, residing at 1330 Francis street, died Monday morning, Jan. 24, after a lingering illness of several years. He was aged 32 years. He was born in Fort Wayne, June 8, 1877. He was baptized in his infancy by the Rev. H. G. Sauer, pastor of the St. Paul Lutheran church. He was employed at the Pennsylvania shops for many years, and had many friends among the shopmen. While he hoped until within a short time of his death that he might get well, he did not fail to think of his preparation for eternity, and he committed himself into the hands of his Lord and expressed the assurance that he would meet his friends in the Home Beyond. His mother, three sisters and two brothers survive him. His father, Andrew Koons, who was an honored member of Grace church, died about thirteen years ago, also a little brother and sister preceded him to the eternal world. The funeral services were held from the home Thursday afternoon, Jan 27. The interment was in the family lot in the Lindenwood.

Thomas W. R. Saffen died at his home on East Jefferson street, Saturday morning, Jan. 29. He was born at Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 18, 1836. He was aged 71 years, 1 month and 5 days. He died of apoplexy. He took ill on Friday afternoon and passed away early on Saturday morning. He came to Fort

Wayne in 1861, and resided here until the time of his death. He was employed at the Bass Foundry works during the greater part of the time since he came to the city. He was a kind-hearted man and had many friends. His wife, four sons, one daughter and thirteen grand children survive him. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 1.

Amber R. Frederick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jediah Frederick, residing at 1207 Orchard street, died Sunday noon, Jan. 30. She was born at Kendallville, April 24, 1896. She was aged 13 years, 9 months and 4 days. Amber was an innocent and purehearted girl. She was a member of our Sunday school for the past two years, or more. Her father and mother, four sisters and three brothers are living. The burial was on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 2. There was a short service at the home, after which the body was taken to Kendallville for burial. The services at Kendallville were held in the Christian church, where the family attended services formerly.

We extend our sympathy to these bereaved families and friends in their sorrow. May the Lord comfort them and sustain them.

Mr. R. F. Dinger has been having a very serious time for the past two months with a severe attack of the la grippe. He was very much better a few weeks ago, but we have just been informed that he has had a relapse and is very much worse again. Mr. Dinger lives at 1338 Wabash avenue.

There will be an all day sewing at the church on Thursday, March 3. The monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid society at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and a lenten prayer service in the evening at 7:30, and teachers' meeting at 8:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The adult Bible class enrolls some new recruits about every Sunday. There is room for several hundred more. The class meets for the study of the lesson every sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. If you will come once, you will want to come every morning.

We are organizing a new class in the Sunday school for young men. Mr. George Schiffer will have charge of this class. We want the young men of the church to get busy in building up this class.

The class of young ladies in charge of W. F. Close, is doing splendid work. The attendance is increasing with each sabbath. The young ladies were invited to the home of their teacher recently for a social evening. At this gathering the class was organized and plans were made for an entertainment in the Lecture rooms of the church, Thursday evening, Feb. 24.

The teachers should try, if possible to be present at the weekly Teachers' meeting at the close of Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

What about inaugurating a more active campaign to increase the enrollment of the Sunday school? Who has some plans to suggest?

Save your quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies for your Easter envelopes. We ought to have a large Easter offering.

The many extremely cold Sundays we have had, has been telling on the attendance in the primary department. The measles have also been housing up some of the little folks. It will not be very long, however, until we hope to have more favorable weather, then the primaries will be out again in full force.

The Catechetical class meets each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor would be glad to have all the children in the Sunday and in our families in the class.

In the January issue of the Visitor the names of the following women were in some way omitted from the sections to which they were assigned. Mrs. Christian Waldo and Mrs. Ernest Close belong to section No. 5. Mrs. Alfred Barbier to section No. 3. Mrs. Bitner is a member of the executive committee. We are sorry for these omissions, but it was not intentional. The names were on the original copy sent to the printers and in some way were overlooked.

Wednesday evening, March 2, there will be a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer. They reside at 1201 Spy Run avenue. We should like to see a large attendance of our church members and friends at this meeting.

Easter will come this year on March 27. We will have special services during the two weeks preceding Easter Sunday. Fuller announcements of these services will be made later on.

The pastor has secured a large assortment of Easter post cards and booklets from the Philadelphia Post Card Co., which will be on sale during the Easter season. The net proceeds will be applied on the church organ fund. This is by far the finest stock of Easter cards and booklets that we ever saw. The price of the cards range from two to ten cents apiece, and the booklets from five to twenty-five cents. You can secure cards at the parsonage at any time and they will be on sale at the weekly church sewings.

The final stereopticon sermon on "Pilgrim's Progress" will be given Sunday evening, Feb. 27. Be sure to attend this service.

William Walters has resigned his position with the Fort Wayne Drug Co., and has taken charge of Romadka's Trunk and Leather store at 827 Calhoun street.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Mr. Geo. Schiffer has taken a position in the office of the Perfection Biscuit Co.

At the monthly meeting of the consistory held Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, the following appointments for the Sunday school were made: Pastoral superintendent, Rev. A. K. Zartman; assistant superintendents, L. W. Hills and F. E. More; secretary and treasurer, Irving Bitner; assistant secretary, William Straub; pianist, Miss Stella Bottger; superintendent of the primary department, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; secretary, Miss Juanita Heyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Klippinger have returned to the city to remain here permanently and are living at 1433 Spy Run avenue. Mrs. Klippinger is a daughter of Mrs. Catherine Romy.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have moved to the city from Payne, Ohio. They are living at 1018 West Jefferson street. They are members of the Reformed church at Payne. We have been glad to see them at our services and hope they will feel at home with us.

Mr. Geo. Hesserd has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism and has been quite ill. He has been absent from our services for several Sabbaths, which is something very unusual.

Mr. John Ruck expects his sister from Lancaster, Pa., to come to the city about the first of April to remain permanently. She will make her home with her brother at 1510 Hurd street.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has not been able to get away from her home for the past two or three months, but her health is very much better.

Mrs. A. R. Hills has been fairly comfortable during these cold winter months. She is up and about in the house.

Mrs. Daisy Krohnmillar has been seriously ill for a month past. She lives at 2812 South Barr street.

Mr. Henry Kessler was at Swanton, Ohio, on a recent Sabbath attending the funeral of his oldest brother.

The following women constitute the section that will serve the monthly supper Thursday evening, March 3rd: Managers H. P. Dinger and Mrs. Frank Leikauf; assistants, Mesdames J. H. Brewer, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, R. Gavin, A. M. Henderson, Louis Wilkinning, David Wilbert, Anna Gebert, R. F. Dinger, Margaret Boger, May Schaich, George Miller, Leonara McAfee, Lucy Zimmerman, Miss Maggie Haverly.

We have started our list of applicants for church membership on Easter Sunday. We ought to have a large number of accessions to the church at that time. Have you not some friend that you could win for Christ and prevail upon coming into the church at the Easter season. Do some earnest, prayerful personal work among your friends and neighbors, see them, talk with them, pray for them, bring them out to the services. You can always depend upon the Lord doing his part in winning souls if we do our part. Let every one do his best and we shall rejoice in an abundant harvest.

The women of section No. 2 will serve supper in the lecture rooms of the church Thursday evening, March 3. The supper will be 20 cents. We have felt for some time that there should be a larger attendance at these suppers on the part of the members of the church. The women expend a great amount of time and work in preparing for the suppers and every member of the church should feel responsible for their success.

Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS

Feb. 27, Mission Study on China, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

March 6, Christ Our Guide, Luke 1:76-79; John 16:13; Rev. 7:16, 17. Consecration meeting, Raymond Close.

March 13, Patient Faithfulness that Wins the Crown. Rev. 2:1-10, 18, 19. Lulu Bitner.

The Christian Endeavor prayer meetings are held each Sabbath evening at 6:45. Be on time, so that the meetings can close promptly on time. Everybody is invited to these meetings.

Do not forget the box in the west entrance of the church. Where you are supposed to place a liberal offering for the Easter decorations.

There are, comparatively speaking, only a few of the members who are in the Ladies' Aid Society. Here is where the plans are made for the work of the church in raising funds for the paying of interest, a burden this society has carried for many years. It is in no way fair to ask the few women who are in the Aid Society to do the work of all. The money raised by the socials is used for interest and toward the payment of their pledge, and every member of Grace church should help in this work. On Thursday evening there will be an apron sale, post card sale, candy sale and best of all a good supper. Show your interest in this work by being present yourself, by bringing your friends, by talking about it, by doing all you can to make it pleasant for all who come. Grace church is your church home. Try to make it a home for others.

Mrs. Kessler's mother has been quite ill again. She is always glad to see the ladies of the Grace church.

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On Valentine evening, Dr. Coblentz entertained the young people at his palatial home 921 West Berry street. There was a fair attendance of the young people and as usual they had a splendid time. The Dr. knows how to entertain and enters with a full heart into the spirit of the young people. During the business session of the evening the following officers were elected for the year: President, Irving Bitner; vice president, George Schiffer; secretary, Miss Nora Minor; treasurer, Miss Elsie Weickart; pianist, Miss Stella Bottger. After the transaction of business the young people enjoyed an hour or more in social games and were then served to luncheon. A hearty vote of thanks was given the doctor for his hospitality and kindness.

KNEELING.

The camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off
And rest to gain.

My soul, thou, too, shouldst to thy
knees
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then riseth up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning
dawn
That God may give thee daily care,
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